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Worthington Aug 2^d 1820

My Dear Aunt Rachel

I have arrived at length in this place without accident & in good health. You will no doubt recollect that when I last saw you & your husband at Mr Russell's we had some conversation respecting the propriety of sending your son Joseph to my Father's house, & of having him instructed in this Institution — Mr Brother Philander has the charge of the school, which is increasing very rapidly. It flourishes beyond the expectation of the most sanguine. — There are 31 scholars who are studying the Latin & Greek & 10 who are attending to English studies. For an Institution that is as yet but in its infancy — this number is very great. — There are some scholars from Kentucky & children ^{from this State} of the most respectable families. — Those who are inmates in my Father's family are without exaggeration, the best behaved & the most gentlemanly young men I ever beheld. They are made every morning, desiring to read a portion of the Holy Scriptures & to say their prayers. This regulation extends to those scholars who are out of the family as well as those within. — Could you see the happy faces of these boys assembled round the table under the grape vines in front of our house — you would be highly delighted. My father & brother were both a very happy faculty of amusing them.

As it respects the terms that my Father imposes upon those who send their children to be under his particular ^{in his family} direction, I believe them to be very nearly as follows.

Board 52 weeks ————— \$104.00

This includes room ordinary
mending, & candles —————

Washing (probably 25 cts per week) ————— 13.00

Tuition from 5 to 7 Dollars per
Quarter for those studying Classics } say 24.00

In addition he will be obliged
to purchase a bed & bedding — (mattress) }
of the expense of which I can not judge }
In addition also the cloth, making & }
repairing of clothes ————— }

Pay the average share of wood for the
use of the Institution ————— }

So that the probable amount would be perhaps a little upwards
of \$200 per year including every expense, that is — if Joseph
would live as the other boys do, as it respects dress.

When he is further advanced & enters ^{this} college (say in a year or
(8 months) he will ^{probably} be desirous of having more expensive clothes.

Until what time my Father has informed me that he will
take charge of Joseph for \$200 per year payable in semiannual
periodical payments at the City of New York — part of which he
wishes to have in advance to meet the necessary disbursements he will
be compelled to make ^{his} account of ~~Joseph~~ —

Or my Father will charge as above stated & make separate charges
for those articles where the price is not specified. —

I may have omitted some particular in this account, but I believe the most essential points are mentioned.

My sincere & unbiased opinion respecting this school is that it is by far the best moral & classical school I ever beheld, combining economy with great attention to the health & manners of the students - Worthington is one of the most beautiful places in the world, & is considered by all to be a healthy situation - If you should conclude to send Joseph to this place, it would be perhaps as well to send him as soon as you can. - I can not forbear mentioning one little circumstance Allan McFarther son to Genl. McFarther of Chillicothe had ~~a son who~~ after being whipped almost to death at Athens College was at length dismissed from that place as being wholly ungovernable. This boy has been under my father's direction now for about 4 months during which time he has not had occasion to ~~be~~ ^{be} upon him. He is one of the finest young men now that

I ever saw. - Mrs Rufelt desires to be affectionately remembered to you & all your family. My Father returned from his circuit (hearing of my arrival) the day before yesterday. He will get a ~~boat~~ for Tanesville tomorrow. Intrepid surpasses all expectation. Mrs Chace, my ^{step-}mother ~~in-law~~, engages the respect & esteem of all who see her. She equals all that you have heard concerning her.

Philanders is infinitely better than what he was in Vermont. He is able to attend to the duties of the College with fidelity & regularity - What will become of me I can not at present determine - I have had some fine offers which I may mention hereafter. - Write to me soon at this place - Love to all enquiring friends & believe me ever yours affectionately, Geo. Chace

P.S. Perhaps if the foregoing plan should meet with your
approbation - the most expeditious route of sending Joseph here
would be by the way of Buffalo & from thence in the Steamboat
to Cleveland. My father is going to Cleveland soon & will speak
to his acquaintances there concerning providing him with a passage
to this place - Yours &c G.B.

Q

Watlington
Aug. 3

Mrs. Rachel Dennison
Royalton -
Windsor County, Vermont
By the way of the
City of Washington

Aug 27 1820
George Chase

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